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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 13, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of operating an authenticating server system for authenticating users at client terminals connected via a data communications network, to control access to documents stored on a resource server, said method comprising performing the following in said server system:

storing in the resource server authentication details and access status data of authorized users;